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In re: Anagnostou, et al. Group Art Unit: 1642
Serial No.: 09/525,808 Examiner: S. Ungar
Filed: March 15, 2000
For: METHOD OF TREATING ENDOTHELIAL INJURY

August 10, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

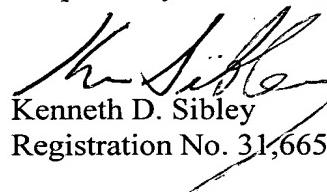
This is in response to the Official Action of April 11, 2001.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group III (Claims 16, 19, 22-23, 26, and 29, drawn to a method of treating endothelial injury caused by inflammation) for substantive examination in response to the restriction requirement.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that a search of the claims of Group III would overlap with a search of the claims in the remaining groups, such that examining these groups together would not present an undue burden upon the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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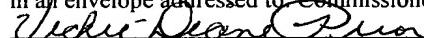


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